Seizure of Lottery Tickets in Belgaum

105. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether some lottery tickets of Maharashtra, Kerala, Hariyana and Punjab have been seized by the Police in Belgaum City during the second week of June 1969 ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same ;

(*c*) whether in this State there is any law prohibiting sale of Lottery tickets of other States ;

(*d*) number of arrests made in this connection ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The sales were illegal.

(*c*) Yes. Section 4 (1) C of the Bombay Lotteries and Prize Competitions Control and Tax Act, 1948, prohibits such sales.

(*d*) 19 persons have been arrested in this connection.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know whether the sale of lottery tickets of Maharashtra, Kerala and Punjab is harmful to the interests of Mysore State ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—It is not a question whether they are harmful or not. Sale of lottery tickets from outside is illegal without the express permission of the State Government.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I ask you, whether it is not a fact that the Act of 1948 of the Bombay Lotteries Price Competition Control Tax Act has been repealed by the Maharashtra Government last year ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Whether it has been repealed in Maharashtra State or not is not relevant. But it is in force in Mysore State.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.— ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವರು ರೆಗ್ಯುಲರ್ ಆಫೀಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಎರ್ಲಾ ದೇಶದ ಲಾಟರಿ ಟಿಕಟ್ಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾರುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗಡೆ.— ಅದು ನಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಚಿಟ್ ಫಂಡುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಅದು ಬೇರೆ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Sri A. R. PANCHAGAVI.—Is the Government aware that even now the sale of lottery tickets is going on in the State and if so, has any permission been given to anybody by the Government ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.— We have not given permission for sale of lottery tickets to anybody so far and wherever it has come to the notiee of the Government that sale of lottery tickets is going on, appropriate action is taken.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—I would like to know whether section 4 of the Bombay Lotteries Price Competition Control Tax Act is in force in the whole of Mysore State or only in Bombay-Karnatak area ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.— No, Sir, There are two Acts in force; one is, the Mysore Lotteries and Prize Competition Control Act and the other one is the Bombay Act to which the hon. Member referred to.

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Sri S. R. BOMMAI.—In view of the large scale sale of lottery tickets from outside, is the Government thinking of introducing lottery early in the State ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Yes. That was the idea we were having. But we thought that it would be desirable to watch the results in other States. The State Government proposes to start the scheme from the month of October.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಇಷ್ಟರಲ್ಲೇ ನೀವು ಲಾಟರಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ನೀವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ನಿಮಗೂ ಅವರು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗಡೆ.—ಲಾಟರಿ ಟಿಕೇಟ್ ಮಾರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇರಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದು ನಿಜ. ನಾವು ಲಾಟರಿ ಶುರುಮಾಡಿದರೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಲಾಟರಿ ಟಿಕೆಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಅವರ ಲಾಟರಿ ಟಿಕೆಟ್ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಿಕ್ಕೂ ನಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—The Hon. Finance Minister was pleased to say that the Government is going to start the lottery scheme in the month of October. May I know whether it is not desirable to start the scheme on Gandhiji's Birthday ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—It has nothing to do with Gandhiji's Birth day.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question. Sri M. Nagappa is authorised to put question No. 102.

Allotment of Stainless Steel Quota to the State

102. Sri M. NAGAPPA (Raichur [On behalf of SRI C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknayakanahalli)].—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(a) the quantity of Stainless steel quota allotted to the State in 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 ;